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Cholera on British ship Clan Macfarlane.

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., March 24, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the British ship *Clan Macfarlane* arrived March 22 from Hongkong, with 18 cases of cholera on the bill of health. Five days out of Hongkong one of the crew died of a diarrheal disease and four more of the crew were attacked within a short period. The captain, recognizing that the water he had taken at Hongkong was very bad, put a bucket of Conde's fluid into each of the fresh-water tanks.

The vessel and all on board were given a thorough disinfecting, special attention being paid to the water tanks.

Very respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox on the steamer Delaware.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE, March 31, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report upon the British tank steamer *Delaware*, which arrived at this station March 26, twenty-eight days from London, in water ballast, and crew, all told, of 39 men. While in the port of London the vessel was placed in dry dock for a few days. During the first week at sea smallpox developed, and the vessel running short of coal, was towed into the port of Halifax by the steamship *Missouri*.

Here 2 cases of smallpox and an attendant were removed to hospital, a few of the crew vaccinated, fumigation left to the master of the vessel to carry out, certified to by the health officer, and the vessel allowed to

proceed. On arrival at this station Friday afternoon, March 26, a muster of the crew showed a number with high temperatures, pains in the head and back, etc., no eruptions, 2 men in their bunks, and 1 man fainting during the inspection. All hands, including the pilot, were immediately vaccinated with fresh virus received from the Bureau, and the vessel placed at anchorage for observation.

Saturday morning inspection developed additional cases of fever; afternoon inspection showed eruptions appearing in several cases. Directed that steam be gotten up during the night.

Sunday morning, March 28, remanded the vessel to the Breakwater Quarantine Station in charge of Passed Assistant Surgeon Woodward for the removal of the sick, suspects, and as many of the crew as could be spared, with their dunnage. The *Delaware* returned to this station March 30, after removal of 22 of her crew, and is now receiving a thorough disinfection.

Very respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER QUARANTINE STATION,
VIA LEWES, DEL., *March 31, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that everything at this station is running easily. No new cases of smallpox have developed among the detained suspects, and the hospital cases are doing as well as could be expected. One of the cases, George McAllister, has a confluent type, the others being mild.

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

APRIL 1, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report that everything is progressing nicely at this station. The sick are doing as well as could be expected; in fact, there is but one case, McAllister, who is at all sick, the others having mild cases of varioloid. The suspects are all well, and there seems to be no sign of another case of smallpox breaking out among them. Unless something new should arise, I will discontinue making these daily reports.

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

APRIL 4, 1897.

Sixteen of the crew and the pilot of the steamship *Delaware* arrived this evening and were transferred to barracks. No new cases. All doing well

WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.